

Draft Committee Charter

Project Title: ***Eastern Idaho State Park Search Committee***

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Background

Eastern Idaho is experiencing rapid population growth. With that growth comes an increasing demand for outdoor recreation opportunities in the region. State park development has not kept pace with growing needs in Eastern Idaho, so Governor Dirk Kempthorne created the Eastern Idaho State Park Search Committee on January 16, 2006.

Mission

Review potential state park sites in Eastern Idaho and make a recommendation to Governor Jim Risch and the Idaho Park and Recreation Board regarding the preferred site for a state park.

Aims & Objectives

- Review existing studies and plans that may impact a decision regarding site selection of an Eastern Idaho state park.
- Develop and implement a process for measuring public needs and desires related to the proposed park.
- Develop and deliver recommendations as to the future location of an Eastern Idaho state park to the Governor and to the Idaho Park and Recreation Board
- Using the resources of the Comprehensive Planning, Research and Review section, determine current and projected needs for outdoor recreation in the Eastern Idaho.
 - Public involvement.
 - Create a GIS database of the showing existing outdoor recreation resources in relationship to population and land ownership.
 - Review existing survey data showing outdoor recreation needs and participation rates in the region.
- Identify the size, location and role a new state park in Eastern Idaho would play in meeting regional needs.
- Prepare a report for presentation to the Idaho Park and Recreation Board showing recommendations for development based on findings..

Criteria of Success:

- The development of specific recommendations that, if implemented, would improve close-to-home access to outdoor recreation in Eastern Idaho.
- The existence of a GIS tool that will help planners and decision makers chart the future of outdoor recreation in the Eastern Idaho.
- Public awareness of outdoor recreation needs in Eastern Idaho.

Consequences of Failure:

- Missed opportunity to design a dynamic park that will accommodate evolving outdoor recreation needs for many years to come.

Assumptions:

- That the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation has a potential role in meeting some local community needs through regional planning and park development.
- That the Idaho Park and Recreation Board has the power to affect some outcomes regarding this issue.
- That recommendations beyond the scope of the Idaho Park and Recreation Board will receive serious consideration by the appropriate bodies, i.e., cities, counties and other regional jurisdictions.

Constraints:

- Idaho State statutes
- HB 875 (up to \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the Eastern Idaho State Park Search Committee and activities related to obtaining and designing an Eastern Idaho State Park... Prior to the Park and Recreation Board adopting specific ... plans or proposals stemming from the Eastern Idaho State Park Search Committee, the department is directed to report to the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee during the committee's fall interim meeting.)
- Idaho Park and Recreation Board policy
- EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2006-02
- Use of only existing resources of the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.

Risk Analysis:

- The public may assume that a park designed to meet many outdoor recreation needs in the valley should meet them all.
- Some local communities may see this effort as rationale for setting aside their own park needs.
- The perception that this is an attempt to supersede existing planning efforts.

Contingency plans:

- Timing of the project is flexible.
- If key members of the team are no longer available they must be replaced immediately.

Project Documentation:

Project Charter
Meeting Minutes (Record of Decision)
Project Contact Directory
Final Report and Recommendations

Key Dates in the Project:

First Meeting	June 21, 2006
Regular Intervals	Meeting of full committee
(date)	Final report of the committee

Project Control:

Every meeting will have a printed agenda. The meetings will be recorded and archived. A Record of Decision, including member assignments, will be posted in a central location or delivered to every committee member. Region 5 Board Member and Chair Jean McDevitt will report progress of the committee to the Idaho Park and Recreation Board.

Key Project Personnel

Sponsor: Idaho Governor Jim Risch
Project Lead: Rick Just,
Manager of Comprehensive Planning, Research and Review

Committee Members:

- Senator Bart Davis; Idaho Falls, Dist. 33 (Chairman)
- Senator Brent Hill; Rexburg, Dist. 34
- Representative Elaine Smith; Pocatello, Dist. 30
- Representative Mack Shirley; Rexburg, Dist. 34
- Jim Guthrie; McCammon; Bannock County Commissioner
- Roger Christensen; Idaho Falls; Bonneville County Commissioner
- Roger Muir; Rexburg; Madison County Commissioner
- Shawn Larsen; Mayor of Rexburg
- Councilman Joseph Groberg; Idaho Falls City Council
- Jean McDevitt; Pocatello; Chairwoman, Idaho Parks and Recreation Board
- Laurel Hall; Idaho Falls
- Kari Archibald; Rexburg, BYU Idaho Professor of Recreational Leadership
- Donna Benfield; Rexburg Chamber of Commerce
- Farhana Hibbert; Pocatello, Bilingual Newspaper Publisher (Idaho Unido)
- Douglas Hancey; Rexburg, Idaho Parks and Recreation Board
- Trent Clark; Soda Springs, Monsanto
- Lee Gagner; Idaho Falls
- Tadd Jenkins; Idaho Falls, Bish's RV

Technical Assistance:

East Region Manager Garth Taylor
Comprehensive Planning, Research and Review staff as needed
Development Bureau staff as needed, led by Planning Supervisor Kelly Burrows